

Economic Development Authority

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of endorsement for Wilcon Construction and all of their staff that participated as our Construction Management Company in the recently completed Pop'd Kerns building project. It has been a great pleasure working with Wilcon Construction from the beginning planning stages of this important economic development project to the final touches.

For those who may not know of our project here in Mt. Lake, MN, Pop'd Kerns came to the Mt. Lake Economic Development Authority (EDA) in the early summer of 2013 looking for a new location to expand their snack food company. We quickly assembled a team of professionals to meet the very tight time frame being requested by the company – completion of a 13,500 sq. ft. state of the art manufacturing facility in less than 6 months from start to finish. Wilcon Construction was one of the first calls that we made since we have long considered Wilcon to be a key partner in our community economic development efforts. As our Construction Manager, Wilcon used their extensive contact list to put our project in motion as their staff watched over every project detail making sure that our timeframe was met. Pop'd Kerns began moving in to their new manufacturing facility on November 1st, right on time!

Because of our long successful partnership with Wilcon Construction, it was an easy decision for the Mt. Lake EDA to once again enter into a Construction Management Contract with Wilcon Construction as we plan for a major plant expansion for one of Mt. Lake's top employers in Mt. Power Hydraulics. Construction this spring of a 40,000 sq. ft. expansion will allow the company to grow production to meet customer demand and create 15 new jobs in the community.

In closing, the Mt. Lake EDA anticipates that our partnership will continue to grow with Wilcon Construction. We endorse Wilcon Construction as a top quality company that can be trusted to get the job done right and on time. I am available at 507-427-2999, ext. 4 to answer any questions that you may have about Wilcon Construction.

Sincerely,

Rob M. Anderson

City of Mountain Lake, MN

Community Development Director